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1. ONE OF OUR BEST SOURCES (A DIPLOMAT IN HAVANA) REPORT A RESURGENCE SINCE MID-AUGUST OF OLD-LINE COMMUNISTS, ESPECIALLY BLAS ROCA. CASTRO SAID TO BE UNHAPPY OVER DOMINANT ROLE, WITH SOVIET BACKING, THE OLD COMMUNISTS PLAYING ONCE AGAIN. SOURCE REPORTS:

A. IN ECON FIELD (THIS IS THE PRIMARY PRESERVE OF THE CZECHS), BLOC TECHNICIANS WORKING CLOSELY WITH CUBANS AT PLANT AND PRODUCTION LEVELS.

B. AT MINISTRY, POLIT, AND POLICY LEVELS, SOVIETS EXERTING INFLUENCE THRU OLD AND TRUSTED COMRADES (ROCA, RODRIGUEZ, AND PENA).

C. IN MILITARY FIELD, SOVIETS PROVIDING ADVISERS AND CONVENTIONAL EQUIPMENT TO CUBAN ARMY BUT ARE KEEPING

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SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY AND ELECTRONIC GEAR UNDER SOVIET DIRECT CONTROL.

2. NOTHING NEW TO TELL YOU RE DONOVAN MISSION. MATTER STILL PERCOLATING BUT NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, ACCORDING TO OUR INFO.

3. AT SPECIALLY-CALLED WANG-CABOT TALKS 21 SEPT WANG PROTESTED U-2 AND COASTAL DESTROYER OPERATION, REFERRED TO CHICOM TALLY OF 214 "SERIOUS WARNINGS," AND DECLARED THAT US PLAYING WITH FIRE AND HEADING TOWARD WAR. CABOT REBUTTED AND THE SESSION ENDED BY SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING FOR 25 OCT.

4. CLASH WHICH OCCURRED 21 SEPT AT EASTERN END OF SINO-INDIAN BORDER WAS MOST SERIOUS ONE THIS YEAR. PEIPING RADIO HAS ISSUED SHRILLER-THAN-USUAL BLAST THAT "FLAMES OF WAR MAY FLARE UP." JUST PRIOR TO INCIDENT, CHICOMS AND INDIANS HAD EXCHANGED NOTES AGREEING TO MEET IN PEIPING 15 OCT FOR PRELIM TALKS ON BORDER ISSUE.

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5. RUMORS OF COUP PLOTTING CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE IN VIENTIANE. ACCORDING TO MOST RECENT ONE, PHOUMI PLANS COUP ON 9 OCTOBER AFTER MAAG WITHDRAWS. REPORTS LIKE THIS LACK SOLID SUBSTANCE, BUT THERE IS GROWING CONCERN AMONG RIGHT-WING ELEMENTS IN LAOS. PHOUMI RECENTLY TOLD A GROUP OF HIS SUPPORTERS THAT IF "FOREIGN TROOPS" (MEANING VIET MINH) ARE NOT WITHDRAWN BY 7 OCT DEADLINE, THERE WOULD "CERTAINLY" BE RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES.

6. ANOTHER NUCLEAR TEST (AIR-DROP) AT NOVAYA ZEMLYA MORNING 21 SEPT. ESTIMATED YIELD THREE MT.

7.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] TO HAVE COMPLETED PLANS TO TAKE OVER GOVT IF PRESENT COALITION CABINET FALLS OR CAN NO LONGER FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY. [REDACTED] FEEL PRESENT GOVT WILL BE UNABLE TO GET ITS PROGRAM THRU PARLIAMENT AND THAT FORTHCOMING PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS WILL FURTHER ERODE GOVT POSITION. RATHER THAN SEE OPPOSITION JUSTICE PARTY REAP HARVEST [REDACTED] THEY WOULD HAVE TO MOUNT "DEFENSIVE" COUP.

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8. UN PLAN FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN CONGO HAS BOGGED DOWN IN MORASS OF LEGALISTIC ARGUMENT OVER HOW MUCH PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY OUGHT TO BE WRITTEN INTO THE CONSTITUTION. BOTH TSHOMBE AND ADOULA CONTEND THAT TO MAKE CONCESSIONS NOW WOULD AMOUNT TO COMMITTING POLITICAL SUICIDE.

9. THIS WILL BE LAST DAILY CABLE UNLESS SPOT DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT. HAVE GOOD TRIP BACK. WILL BE GOOD SEEING YOU.

END OF MESSAGE

LT. GEN. MARSHALL S. CARTER

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